

Rollins, Christopher

From: Noggle, William
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Rollins, Christopher
Subject: RE: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Radioactive material? I only asked Jeff about the liquid-filled cables. I believe Jeff told me that the only analytical data they had was the Nov 2000 report. Yes, please ask the new USCG point of contact (Ronald Johnson) about the radioactive material and any other analytical data he may have. Sorry about crossing paths.

BAN told me the vessel was at the scrapper in Ensenada (just forwarded the email to you)

-----Original Message-----

From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Noggle, William; Devlin, Betsy; Picardi, Rick
Cc: McDaniel, Doug; Jones, Joel E.
Subject: RE: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Bill,

I spoke with Jeff Beach on the matter yesterday and he indicated that he has not heard anything new since last week on the vessel. He also indicated that he has referred the matter to the Environmental side of the USCG and they would be responding to my inquiry as well as yours, possibly today or tomorrow. I did not ask any follow up questions because I was not sure what questions you had submitted to the USCG. I only requested additional analytical data or remediation documents pertaining to the Storis after the 2000 sampling event.

Do you have a list of questions that you posed, because I wasn't sure if you had asked about the alleged radioactive material on the vessel or where is the vessel is currently?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Noggle, William
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 4:53 AM
To: Devlin, Betsy; Picardi, Rick; Rollins, Christopher
Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Betsy, Rick,
Below is the USCG response to the letter stating there are liquid-filled electrical cables on the vessel.

Chris,
Have you heard anything else from USCG?

Thanks,
Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald.L.Johnsen@USCG.MIL [mailto:Ronald.L.Johnsen@USCG.MIL]

Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 5:03 PM

To: Noggle, William

Cc: Beach, Jeff L CIV; Wandelt, Edward; Melchers, John A CIV; McMenamin, Robert; Murad, Dale; Raybon, Todd E LCDR

Subject: RE: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Mr. Noggle,

The Coast Guard has only found PCB-containing electrical cable on a few vessels built in the 1960s and 1970s and does not expect PCB-containing electrical cable on this vessel, since it was built in the 1940s. Also, on 12 March 1997, Coast Guard Health and Safety personnel conducted PCB sampling on the STORIS' main propulsion electrical cable (most likely location for PCBs due high current) and sample results were negative.

Regards, Ron

Ronald L. Johnsen, P.G.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Melchers, John A CIV

Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 3:15 PM

To: Johnsen, Ronald

Cc: Beach, Jeff L CIV; Wandelt, Edward

Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Mr. Johnsen,

I believe Mr. Wandelt is out of the office through next week, so I'm forwarding this question to you.

EPA is asking about the attached statement from former USCG electrician's mate? The technical aspects as to whether STORIS contains PCB's is really out of my swimlane; recommend your office respond to EPA.

V/r,

John A. Melchers, CPA, CPPS

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From: Noggle.William@epa.gov [mailto:Noggle.William@epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 3:00 PM

To: Beach, Jeff L CIV; Melchers, John A CIV

Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Jeff, John,

Are you aware of this statement provided by a former USCG electrician's mate? Please give me a call.

Thanks,
Bill

[REDACTED] (mobile)

From: colby.self@gmail.com [mailto:colby.self@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Colby Self
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: Re: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Hello Bill,

There is one facility in Ensenada that I know of, I'll get that info over to you shortly. The vessel may already be there, but I've not yet gotten confirmation of that. The tug company that was contracted to deliver the vessel was Pacific Tugboat Service 619.533.7932, the VP is Stephen Frailey and he is very aware of the situation surrounding this vessel.

I also received the attached document in my inbox this morning that is concerning. The attached is a signed statement from electrician's mate EM2 Yoshua Eli, who was stationed aboard CGC STORIS and who has indicated that the ship contained a substantial quantity of original wiring that likely contained PCBs and which still had that wiring on board the vessel when he departed as part of the decommissioning crew in February 2007.

Thanks for your attention to this!

Best,

Colby

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On Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 5:44 AM, Noggle, William <Noggle.William@epa.gov> wrote:

Colby,

Do you know what Mexican scrapper the STORIS is heading to, maybe it's already there?

Thanks,

Bill



From: colby.self@gmail.com [mailto:colby.self@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Colby Self
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 2:55 PM
To: Noggle, William
Cc: Olin, Joyce
Subject: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Greeting Bill,

I have been informed that a former USCG vessel, the CGC STORIS, was recently sold for scrap and is expected to cross over into Mexican waters in the next 2 hours, likely in violation of TSCA. I reviewed the PCB report as provided by the USCG; they state explicitly that for regulatory purposes, the vessel is assumed to contain PCBs in totally enclosed materials. I have also been in touch with a contractor that inspected the vessel prior to the auction and I was told that the vessel contains approximately 3% of the original electric wiring that very likely contains PCBs in excess of 50 ppm. The vessel was built in 1942.

BAN asks for EPA HQ to please notify the tug company immediately to halt the pending export. The tug that is pulling the vessel is the A.N. Tillett; its current location can be viewed here: <http://new.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/367116840>

BAN is preparing a press release for distribution in the coming hours. We thank you for your proactive efforts.

Best,

Colby

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